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SUBJECT: FAVORABLE REACTIONS TO SENATOR KENNEDY'S SPEECH

1. ALL MEDIA NORTHERN IRELAND AND BBC NATIONAL RADIO CARRIED NEWS OF SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY SPEECH AT IRELAND FUND DINNER NEW YORK MAY 18. BELFAST IRISH NEWS MAY 19 QUOTED SUBSTANTIAL EXCERPTS AND GAVE EQUAL ATTENTION TO CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY DEPUTY LEADER OF SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC AND LABOUR PARTY JOHN HUME AT SAME DINNER. MODERATE BELFAST (EVENING) TELEGRAPH MADE KENNEDY SPEECH SUBJECT OF FAVORABLE EDITORIAL WITH THEME OF "YOU'VE COME A LONG WAY, TED." BELFAST NEWS LETTER, WHICH NOW USUALLY GENERALLY SYMPATHETIC WITH OFFICIAL UNIONIST PHILOSOPHIES, CARRIED SHORT FACTUAL NEWS ITEM INSIDE PAGE MAY 20.

2. PRESS DID INDICATE SENATOR STRUCK JUST ABOUT RIGHT NOTE TO

END SUPPORT FOR VIOLENCE IMMEDIATELY AND CHERISH HOPE FOR LONG-TERM POLITICAL SOLUTION. THERE WAS NO RPT NO INDICATION THAT SENATOR SEES SOME ROLE FOR HIMSELF AS INTERLOCUTOR BETWEEN NORTHERN IRELAND GROUPS. CONGEN RECENTLY UNCLASSIFIED

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TESTED OFFICIAL UNIONIST ATTITUDES TOWARD SENATOR AND FOUND THAT , WHILE HIS STATURE CONSIDERABLY ENHANCED BY MARCH 17 STATEMENT. MAIN BODY OF PARTY OPINION IS STILL SUSPICIOUS OF HIS VIEWPOINT AND MOTIVES TOWARD NORTHERN IRELAND. SPICER

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